Modernisation of handling, storage and transportation of Foodgrains

366. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any step to modernize the system of handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains within the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to reduce storage and transit losses and to introduce modern technology of bulk handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains in the country, the Government had announced a National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation of Foodgrains, under the policy, private sector participation would be encouraged for creation of bulk handling, storage and transportation facilities for foodgrains at identified location in the country on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) basis.

Floriculture production

†367. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total production and the production per hectare in the floriculture sector in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the demand and production of flowers in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a technology mission to increase the flower production; and

(d) the names and other details of the Centrally sponsored schemes meant for increasing the flower production in the country, specially in Bihar which faces natural calamities like flood every year?

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